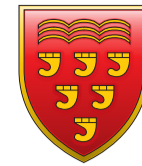


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## We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas

2010 has been an exciting twelve months at the Junior Club with developments and successes both on and off of the pitch. Three of our teams reached cup finals and a number of others gained promotion from their respective leagues at the end of the 2009-10 season. As we approach the half way point of this season we have the majority of our teams competing well in the top half of their divisions.

The Clubs reputation has been built on far more than our performances on the pitch. Our contribution to the local community was recognised with the presentation in the summer of the Community Charter Club of the Year Award from Somerset FA and anyone who visits Crown Fields on a Saturday morning will recognise the scale of opportunity the Club provides to local youngsters as they watch the wonderful sight of our 215 players, from eleven different age groups, developing their football and other skills.

After the excellent weather of the autumn, the cold spell of the last few weeks has prevented us training and has

postponed many of our games. It is always a difficult decision to cancel training as we know how much the boys and girls look forward to it, but we must put the safety of all players first. Hopefully 2011 will bring us some warmer weekends.

As Christmas gets into full swing a number of the teams are celebrating with a range of activities including events at the clubhouse, laser fusion and inflatable swimming parties. I understand Father Christmas will be appearing at a number of these events so hopefully everyone is on their best behaviour.

With Christmas and New Year both falling on Saturdays the last training session of 2010 will occur on Saturday 18th December and we will return on Saturday 8th January. A number of age groups will have matches on Sunday 2nd January and individual coaches will be in touch to make any special training arrangements ahead of these games. One further date for your new 2011 calendars is Sunday 17th April. We are planning to hold our end of season event on this date as it has to occur before the 1st May due to the

redevelopment which is planned at the Senior Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers at the Club for their efforts in 2010. It is through their time and commitment that we are able to provide such a positive experience for our young players and their families. In 2011 we will be changing the way the Junior section is managed so that we can provide more opportunities for parents to get involved in the running of the Club.

On behalf of everyone at Keynsham Town I wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in 2011.

Richard Smale

KTJFC Chairman



## Under 7's visit to Ashton Gate

The Under 7s were treated to a wonderful day out when Paul Gitsham and Andy Morse organised a visit to see Bristol City play at Ashton Gate against Sheffield United. The lads all met up at the Crown Fields and were 'bussed' into town on a coach. They were dropped off at the ground and had pre-match drinks in the Clubhouse (well, the dads and helpers did to steady the nerves!!) before going into superb seats alongside the hallowed turf (actually, it looked pretty green and flat!!).

With City warming up at our end, the lads were soon into chanting and David James actually looked 10ft tall. Maxine was eyeing up his legs! The match got off to a great start with City taking an early lead via the penalty spot. Shouts of 'Get im Off' were a bit premature but you know what dads can be like when they get riled. George was very vocal but Dewi sat pensive as another penalty was awarded. The crowd went mental and Andy and Paul had to stop a mass pitch invasion – well, Dewi moved in his seat to protect his recently repaired arm. 2-0 City.

Half time was upon us and after a watering and feeding frenzy, the lads got back into full voice, hugging the mascot who looked very much like a stuffed robin except that his stitching was showing! Another huge roar saw a City player rolling around, pole-axed by a Sheffield Utd player, resulting in the crowd saying 'Bye Bye' to him which I thought was very nice. Not sure the away supporters did though. They thought the man in black was naughty!!

City then scored a 3rd goal and then the game got boring. Fights broke out in the rows below us and Andy had to sort the lads out. Fortunately, they ate all the food at half time so couldn't throw anything onto the pitch. Dewi stirred to have a fruit pastille and that was as exciting as it got from then on.

We all got up at the end, clapped the players off, had another drink in the bar to warm up and went home. Great day out lads and special thanks to Paul and Andy for organising it and for City for inviting us, particularly Keith Dawe.



## Christmas fun...caption competition



The U10's had their Christmas party and there was a very special guest who came along. And nobody was more pleased to see him than Father Christmas. Well, we couldn't let this one go, so we thought we'd have a little caption competition. Come up with the best caption and you could win yourself a bottle of wine. Send your 'sensible' captions to [chris@wearedna.co.uk](mailto:chris@wearedna.co.uk)

## Strut your funky stuff

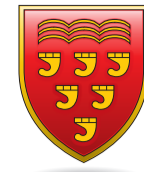
On Saturday 18th December the clubhouse will be open with a free disco for all parents and players from the Junior section. Whether you can join us for an hour, or for the whole of the evening it would be great to see you there. The more the merrier and what a great way to kick off the Christmas festivities, man!



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## A 'Crestmas' story

At a recent committee meeting, we had a cerebral moment and questioned where the KTFC logo came from and after a brief conversation, it was apparent that nobody knew.

Never one to watch the grass grow under his feet, Graham 'Sherlock' Holmes did a bit of research and this is what he found. Thanks Sherlock.

The club badge is based on the Keynsham coat of arms which shows blue and white wavy lines that represent the rivers Chew and Avon and six golden trumpets that are derived from the coat of arms of William, Earl of Gloucester who funded the Augustinian "black canons" in 1166 to build Keynsham Abbey. The Abbey grew to be one of the most significant in the country until it was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1539.

For all of you "Jonny Foreigners" in the club who aren't Keynsham born and bred, the remains of the abbey can be seen at the end of our Chairman's back garden, in the form of a few small piles of rock. (Most of the remains were removed when the A4 bypass was built through the memorial park).



The old crest (left) with the new interpretation (above)

## Spotlight...Paul Collings (U9's Manager)

**Playing history:** I played for my Dad, Brian Collings, one of the founder managers of the junior section from under 9's to under 16's, then realised I wasn't any good so played rugby until 22. I wasn't any good at that either, so played a non-contact sport...Golf!

**Football qualifications:** FA Level 1.

**Started coaching at KTJFC:** Got roped in by Martin Coles in 2006, took badge in 2007, and took the 6's into 7's in the summer of 2007.

**Favourite Team:** Bristol City.

**Favourite ever player:** Paul Gascoigne, by far the best player England never had.

**Best moment/memory in football:** Christian Roberts scoring the winner, and second goal in the last 2 minutes (Marc Goodfellow scored the equaliser) against Hartlepool at Ashton Gate, in the second division play off semi final in May 2004, we lost the final in Cardiff to Brighton!!

**Interesting fact/ anecdote:** With 4 Kids, the eldest being in the under 9's, I'm not sure who is more relieved when training/matches get postponed, the wife or me. She gets a chance to spend money, I get the chance to spend some time with the other kids, or go shopping with her!!!

**Anything else to add?:** Make sure the kids work hard at school...I've had 14 bookings this season - 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable.' - Paul Gascoigne.

Thanks Paul. Not only for letting us know a bit more about you, but for all the work you put into the club.

One thing that has become apparent over the last few months is that not everyone knows each other in the club. With that in mind, we thought we'd have a fairly regular feature which focused on some of the managers in the club. The first who we're shining the light in the face of is our very own Paul Collings. Read on. We may well test you!



## A bit more football fun!

A pirate took his parrot to the betting shop. When the football scores were being announced the parrot looked up and said 'Blast! Bristol City have lost again!'

'That's pretty impressive' exclaimed another man. 'What does he say when Bristol City win?'

'I don't know' replied the pirate, 'I've only had him two years.'



*A man was watching the derby game between Manchester United and Liverpool; Old Trafford was packed and there was only one empty seat - next to him.*

*'Who does that seat belong to?' asked the person in the next seat.*

*'My wife usually sits there.' the man replied*

*'But why isn't she here?' the neighbour persisted.*

*'She died.' Said the man in a matter-of-fact tone.*

*'So why didn't you give the ticket to one of your mates?'*

*'They've all gone to the funeral.' Said the man.*



This is the second time this has made a newsletter but we make no apologies for this. It really is a fantastic opportunity to not only help the club, but to help others. So come on...do your bit.

Bag4sport is a social enterprise based in Wiltshire which supports schools, football clubs, churches, community organisations and charities across the UK by turning unwanted and useless clothing into useful cash, at zero cost. Well here is how you can help.

## Bags of festive cheer...please!

Throughout January we will be collecting unwanted clothes (inc shoes, belts, caps, bags, etc), bed linen and soft toys. All you need to do is fill one of the orange bags (available from the tea hut) or just a normal black bin bag and bring it to the tea hut on a Saturday morning. Alternatively, if you have any full bags that requiring collecting, please contact Andy Morse on 07771376730.

Don't worry if you are unable to fill a whole bag, even if you only bring one or two items it will all add up.

So remember ask your friends, family, neighbours, sponsors and anyone else you can think of to help fill as many bags as you can. If we each fill 2 bags we could raise over £1300.

You can check out the B4S website [www.bag4sport.co.uk](http://www.bag4sport.co.uk) for any more information.



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